

Application No. 09/847,169  
Amendment dated June 3, 2005  
Reply to Office Action dated February 4, 2005

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 51-56 remain pending.

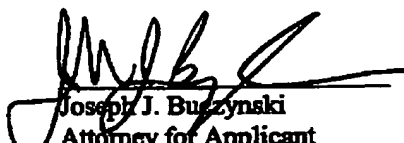
The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for his courtesy during the telephone conference concerning the Office Action. As discussed, this Office Action is replete with rejections and objections pertaining to claims 2-50 in view of claims of related issued U.S. Patent No. 6,807,165 and co-pending related U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/846,499; 09/847,170; 09/846,480; 09/846,434; and 09/846,479. However, claims 2-50 were cancelled in the present application and in those applications (except for the issued '165 patent) at the time that these applications were filed. Please see the "Amendments" section on page 2 of the application transmittal form, a copy of which is being provided for the Examiner's convenience.

Concerning the rejection of claims 5-13, 15-22, 24-26, 42, 45-48, 51 and 54 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 in view of claims 3-8, 14-27, 41, 49, 52, 55 and 56 of the issued '165 patent, as mentioned above, claims 2-50 of the present application were canceled at the time the application was filed. Also, as indicated above, independent claims 51 and 54 of the present application are being amended to distinguish from the claims of the '165 patent.

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Accordingly, since no other rejections are set forth in this Office Action, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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Date: June 3, 2005

  
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